

## SENATE RESOLUTION 257

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to commend Seth Guess for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Seth Andrew Guess is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Mark Norris; Seth's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a native of Memphis, Tennessee, Seth is the son of Zack and Judy Guess and the loving brother of Hannah, Isaac, Susanna, Noah, John, Joanna, Timothy, Rebekah, Nathan, and Mercy; and

WHEREAS, an alumnus of Grace Christian High School, Seth Guess proved his many abilities early in life by playing basketball throughout high school, organizing a table tennis league, planning a trip to the State Capitol for his classmates, serving in student government, and founding a school newspaper for which he served as a political and poetry columnist; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Memphis, where he is highly regarded by his peers and the university community, while pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in History with minors in political science and Spanish, Seth Guess has displayed academic success by obtaining "Dean's List" status each semester of his college career and through his induction into the Golden Key and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies; and

WHEREAS, donating his time and talents to the advancement and promotion of his university community, Seth Guess serves as a senator for the University of Memphis Student Government Association and is an avid fan and supporter of the University of Memphis Tigers, both in basketball and football; and

WHEREAS, before his service as a legislative intern, Seth Guess honed his political interests by staying abreast of the issues and writing letters to newspapers and government officials, volunteering in local political campaigns in Shelby County, serving as a poll watcher and election worker, and attending the Patriot Academy mock legislature in Austin, Texas, for three years, including a term as Speaker of the Patriot Academy Legislature in 2004; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Seth Guess brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2008 session of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure as an intern, Seth Guess was honored by his fellow interns by being elected Speaker of the 2008 Intern Mock Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, evincing an unflagging commitment to excellence in every endeavor and a genuine interest in and appreciation for lawmaking, Seth Guess has worked assiduously during this legislative session to promote the estimable principles of democracy, fairness, and equity in the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, an intern of uncommon devotion and singular talent, Seth Guess has distinguished himself as an exceptional individual with the utmost respect for his superiors and peers, personal integrity and character, and studious attention to his work; and

WHEREAS, Seth Guess epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2008 legislative session, Seth Guess has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Seth Guess has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and thank Seth Andrew Guess for his outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Mark Norris and for the example he sets as a proud Tennessean and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.